GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – State Tax Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Commissioner (ST) Visakhapatnam - irregularities associated with inspections authorized by him during his tenure as JC (ST) Visakhapatnam - Article of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence received - Appointment of Inquiry Officer - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.05 **Date:03.01.2024**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.818, Revenue (VIG.VI) Department, Dt.31.08.2023.
2. WSD received from the Sri N Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner (ST), Visakhapatnam, WSD Dt:22-12-2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that certain serious irregularities associated with inspections authorised by Sri N. Srinivasa Rao, JC (ST) during his tenure while working as JC (ST) Visakhapatnam. The CCST ordered a special audit of these inspections on 17.02.2023. The Special Audit Team scrutinized 802 inspection files and found serious irregularities prima-facie and held that the then JC, Visakhapatnam misused his power that benefited taxpayers at the cost of public revenues. The losses have been quantified in detail as Rs.92.33 Crores.

2. Whereas in the reference 1st read above charges have been framed against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Commissioner (ST) Visakhapatnam under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 to submit his Written Statement of Defence. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri N Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner (ST) Visakhapatnam and presently working as JC & SR before the AP VAT Tribunal, Visakhapatnam has submitted his Written Statement of Defence.

3. And whereas, Government have not satisfied with the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Charged Officer and it is considered that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed against the above said Charged Officer.

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred under Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 20 of AP CS (CC&A) Rules 1991, Government hereby appoint Sri S. Sekhar, Additional Commissioner, Regional GST& Enforcement Office, Visakhapatnam as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner (ST) Visakhapatnam and presently working as JC & SR before the AP VAT Tribunal, Visakhapatnam. The Inquiring Authority shall submit his inquiry report within one month in duplicate, with his own attestation.

5. Copies of the Articles of Charge framed against the Charged Officer, Written Statement of Defence and relevant documents are enclosed herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S Sekhar, Additional Commissioner, Regional GST & Enforcement Office, Visakhapatnam. (through the CCST, A.P., Guntur).
The Chief Commissioner(State Tax) Andhra Pradesh .,Kunchanapalli Guntur.
Copy to
Sri N. Srinivasa Rao, the then JC(ST) Visakhapatnam and presently working as JC & SR before the AP VAT Tribunal, Visakhapatnam(through CCST).
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER